

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on March 27, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 430, 3/13/2017
HB 142, 3/13/2017
HB 458, 3/13/2017
HB 389, 3/13/2017

Committee Business:

00:00:06 Chair Howard
00:01:40 Sen. Sands
00:01:46 Chair Howard

00:01:53 Recess

00:03:37 Sen. Caferro entered the meeting.

00:05:03 Reconvene

00:05:16 Chair Howard

HEARING ON HB 430

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:28 Rep. Adam Hertz (R), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 430, Create exception to liquor quota system for residential senior facilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:03 Jason Cronk, CEO, Immanuel Lutheran Communities, Kalispell
00:10:24 Aimee Grmoljez, Immanuel Lutheran Communities, Kalispell

EXHIBIT(phs63a01)

00:13:17 Jean Tyser, representing herself
00:16:17 Marilyn Knutson, representing herself
00:17:17 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association
00:18:38 Shirley Gregory, representing herself and Buffalo Hill Terrace, Kalispell
00:21:57 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association
00:22:42 Rose Hughes, executive director, Montana Healthcare Association
00:23:17 Gail Long, representing herself and Buffalo Hill Terrace, Kalispell
00:24:54 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
00:26:01 Carla Wilton, executive director, Buffalo Hill Terrace; Immanuel Lutheran Communities, Kalispell
00:26:47 Ronalee Skees, director, Mission Advancement, Kalispell

EXHIBIT(phs63a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:27:31 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association
00:31:18 Bob Miller, Liquor Store Owners Association of Montana
00:34:06 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association
00:34:56 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association of Montana
00:36:39 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)
00:39:58 Minh-Ha Murphy, owner, State Agency Liquor Store #12, Kalispell; vice president, Liquor Store Owners Association of Montana

Informational Testimony:

00:44:21 Denise Brunett, Liquor Control Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:42 Sen. Gross
00:45:24 Ms. Brunett, DOR
00:45:40 Sen. Gross
00:46:26 Rep. Hertz
00:47:05 Sen. Sands
00:48:02 Rep. Hertz
00:48:08 Sen. Sands
00:48:42 Ms. Wiggers, MCMOA
00:49:23 Sen. C. Smith
00:49:40 Rep. Hertz
00:50:00 Sen. Caferro
00:50:31 Ms. Tyser, self
00:51:08 Chair Howard

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:26 Rep. Hertz

HEARING ON HB 142

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:01 Rep. Laurie Bishop (D), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 142, Revise insurance law to give mental health coverage parity with physical health.

01:00:10 Sen. Caferro left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:04:41 Alicia Smith, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana
01:05:01 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana

[EXHIBIT\(phs63a03\)](#)

01:06:23 Sharla Crawford, representing herself

[EXHIBIT\(phs63a04\)](#)

01:08:47 Chelsia Rice, representing herself
01:09:50 Dr. Jeremy Johnson, representing himself
01:10:31 Marilyn Bartlett, administrator, State Employee Health Plan, Department of Administration
01:11:26 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, also on behalf of Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
01:12:16 Kathy McGowan, Community Mental Health Centers
01:12:33 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

01:13:06 Nancy Butler, deputy state auditor, Office of the Montana State Auditor,
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
01:13:23 Bill Lombardi, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana (BCBSMT)
01:13:50 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans (PSHP)
01:14:18 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association
01:14:54 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association
01:15:22 Dr. Lisa Ponfick, psychiatrist, Shodair Children's Hospital
01:15:51 Dr. Greg Holzman, state medical officer, Department of Public Health and
Human Services

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:57 Sen. C. Smith
01:17:17 Mr. Lombardi, BCBSMT
01:17:26 Sen. C. Smith
01:17:53 Ms. Hensley, PSHP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:14 Rep. Bishop

HEARING ON HB 458

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:20:45 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 458, Oversight of
care for former MDC patients.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:23:17 Erik Burke, executive director, MEA-MFT and American Federation of State,
County and Municipal Employees

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:25:15 Rebecca deCamara, division administrator, Department of Public Health and
Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:46 Sen. Sands
01:26:27 Rep. Wagoner
01:26:41 Sen. Gross
01:27:11 Rep. Wagoner

01:27:47 Sen. Gross
01:27:59 Ms. deCamara, DPHHS
01:29:14 Sen. Gross
01:30:02 Rep. Wagoner
01:30:31 Sen. Gross

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:39 Rep. Wagoner

HEARING ON HB 389

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:31:46 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 389, Generally revise tele-medicine laws for physicians.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:33:26 Michael Vlases, internal medicine physician, Montana Medical Association
01:35:58 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association

[EXHIBIT\(phs63a05\)](#)

01:40:05 Jack King, Montana Telehealth Alliance; former director, REACH Montana Telehealth Network

[EXHIBIT\(phs63a06\)](#)

01:41:58 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association
01:45:10 Pat Bollinger, member, Board of Medical Examiners
01:45:31 Jaclyn Haven, genetic counselor, Shodair Children's Hospital
01:46:32 Eve Franklin, Montana Optometric Association

[EXHIBIT\(phs63a07\)](#)

01:49:22 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Academy of Ophthalmology
01:50:24 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
01:51:05 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association
01:51:31 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Regional Medical Center
01:52:15 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)
01:52:35 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:52:57 Greg VanHorssen, Teladoc

[EXHIBIT\(phs63a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs63a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs63a10\)](#)

01:56:29 Dr. Jason Tibbels, family physician and senior medical director, Teladoc
02:04:13 Claudia Tucker, vice president of Government Affairs, Teladoc
02:05:00 Derek Brown, 1-800-CONTACTS

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:06:18	Sen. Gross
02:06:33	Rep. Wagoner
02:06:56	Chair Howard
02:07:02	Rep. Wagoner
02:07:39	Chair Howard
02:08:36	Mr. Foster, CHM
02:09:05	Rep. Wagoner
02:09:13	Chair Howard
02:09:26	Ms. Tucker, Teladoc
02:09:46	Chair Howard
02:09:59	Rep. Wagoner

Closing by Sponsor:

02:10:07	Rep. Wagoner
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Committee Business:

02:11:15	Chair Howard
02:12:39	Sen. Olszewski
02:13:43	Chair Howard
02:13:50	Sen. Hinebauch
02:13:58	Sen. Olszewski
02:14:37	Chair Howard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:13 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs63aad.pdf](#))